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The Media-Military Merger

The New York Times accuses United Technologies Corporation of conflicting interests, but can its corporate board withstand the same scrutiny?

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United Technologies Corporation (UTX) has placed an offer to buy Diebold, Inc. for \$2.63 billion. The offer has proven to be highly controversial, as UTX is a military contractor and Diebold manufactures voting machines. Diebold rejected UTX's offer but, if UTX increases its bid, the sale could still be made. The potential conflict of interest alarms many, including the editors of the New York Times. However, The New York Times Company is hardly immune to conflicting interests.

Shortly after the bid was announced, the editors of the New York Times published a piece entitled "A new role for defense contractors: Counting votes".

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The editors said that, as UTX is a leading defense contractor, "it has an enormous corporate interest in who gets elected President." The editors mention Eisenhower's familiar warning about the influence of the military-industrial complex and that "Eisenhower would be appalled to learn that a defense contractor could be counting the votes in the next presi-

New York Times Company board also has an interest in the outcome of the next election and the war in Iraq.

William E. Kennard was elected to the Board of Directors of The New York Times Company in 2001. Currently, he is the chair of the company's nominating and governance committee and a member of the finance committee. These positions

billions invested in the aerospace and defense industries. The Carlyle Group also has investments in real estate which will be affected by the next president's handling of the subprime lending crisis. Finally, according to an article in the Washington Post, 7.5 percent of The Carlyle Group is owned by the government of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. Abu Dhabi is just 860 miles from Baghdad, about the distance from Fort Wayne to Oklahoma City. Its proximity alone would give it an interest in the outcome of the war.

In 2004, the editors of the Times published a piece saying that the paper's coverage of "the prelude to war and into the early stages of the occupation... was not as rigorous as it should have been. In some cases, information that was controversial then, and seems questionable

now, was insufficiently qualified or allowed to stand unchallenged." The editors list several stories about Iraq's biological, chemical and nuclear weapons programs, stories that were based on unverified information that was later disproved or

contractor, owns the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). A member of GE's board of directors, Sam Nunn, is also on the board of directors for the Chevron Corporation. As an oil company, Chevron undoubtedly has an interest in the Iraq war.

Wall Street Journal, Fox Broadcasting Company, Fox News Channel and other media outlets. Dinw is the chief architect of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Assistant Attorney General of the United States from 2001 to 2003.

A study conducted by Harvard University last year showed that only 34 percent of Americans trust the media's coverage of the presidential campaign and 83 percent think that corporations have too much influence over what the media reports. Similarly, a new poll by Harris Interactive shows that only 30 percent of Americans "tend to trust the press." If the media is to regain this lost trust, it will first have to address these serious conflicts of interests.



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dential election."

Certainly, this is a legitimate concern. However, the news media also has a powerful influence on the way that people vote and the outcome of elections. Just like UTX, at least one member of The

give him enormous influence over the paper and the rest of the board, including who is appointed to which position.

Kennard is also the managing director of The Carlyle Group, a private equity firm with

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that remained "highly controversial." In printing these problematic stories, the New York Times helped shape public opinion about Iraq and helped to lead the country into a war, a war that made The Carlyle Group a great deal of money.

The New York Times is not the only media outlet with conflicting interests.

The General Electric Company (GE), a major U.S. military

A member of Time Warner's board of directors, James L. Barksdale, is also on the board at Sun Microsystems. Sun Microsystems has worked on numerous projects for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Army, including the army recruiting Web site <http://www.goarmy.com>. Viet D. Dinh is a member of the board of directors for News Corporation, the parent company of the New York Post, the

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March 20-26, 2008

- 20 Philosophy Colloquium: "Deleuze and the Question of Desire: Toward an Immanent Theory of Ethics," Dan Smith, Purdue WU CM 16, noon-1:15 p.m. Call 16566.
- University Religious Forum: "Spiritual Truths in C.S. Lewis' 'Prince Caspian,'" Dr. Pamela Jordan, speaker, WU 222-226, noon-1:15 p.m. Call 16592.
- Rome Trip Presentation: Brown bag lunch highlights upcoming trip to Rome in July. KT 126, noon.
- ACCS Express Lane Resumé Critiques: 25 KT 109, noon-2 p.m. Call 16595.
- Fine Arts Event: Spring Senior B.F.A. opening reception, VA Gallery, 6-8 p.m. Call 16705.
- 21 Chemistry Seminar: "RNA Structure Function and Dynamics Studied by Fluorescence Energy Transfer and Single Molecule Detection," Phil David Rueda; SB 476, 12:10 p.m. Call 16289.
- Women's Studies Brown Bag Friday: "Single Mothers and Community Resources," WU G-08, noon. Call 16595.
- Ambassadors Training: SB 176, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Call 16283.
- Athletics Event: Softball v. South Dakota State, softball field, 3 p.m. Call 10713.
- Classes Suspended at 4:30 p.m.
- Students with Families Event: Pizza Dinner and Workshop featuring Mark's Ask; WU Ballroom, 6-8:30 p.m. For information or reservations, call 14140.
- 22 Athletics Event: Softball v. South Dakota State, softball field, noon. Call 10713.
- Black Collegian Caucus Event: Fashion/Talent Show, WU Ballroom, 7 p.m. Call 16608.
- 24 Classes Resume
- Disability Awareness Celebration: WU Ballroom, noon. Call 16606.
- Spanish Table: WU Cafeteria, noon. Call 16589 or e-mail conf@ipfw.edu.
- Eating Disorder Support Group: WU 234, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 16647.
- Concert: Farrell Vernon Faculty Jazz Combo, Rhinehart Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 16714.
- Male Awareness Night Event: Movie Night, Philadelphia, Cole Commons, 8 p.m. Call 16608.
- Women's History Month Events: Panel discussion, "Sisters of the Globe," KT 632 Studio Theatre, noon; "Women at the Movies: Vietnam Nurses with Bette Delaney," SB 168, 6 p.m. Call 16595.
- Male Awareness Night Event: Men's Health Forum, Cole Commons, 8 p.m. Call 16608.
- 26 19th Annual IPFW Health Fair: "Go Green," WU, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 16647.
- ACCS Express Lane Resumé Critiques: KT 109, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 16595.
- Anthropology Club Luncheon Lecture Series: "Gender and Spatial Perception," Carol Lawton, presenter; KT 646, noon. Call 16572.
- Women's History Month Events: Panel Discussion, "Women and Disabilities," WU Ballroom, noon; YWCA Diversity Dialog, "Faith-Based Diversity," YWCA, 1610 Spy Run, 1:30 p.m. Call 16595.
- Concert: Piano Studio Showcase featuring students of Hamilton Tescaro; Rhinehart Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 16714.
- Male Awareness Night Event: "What Men Can Do," a discussion about how men can help sexual assault survivors; Cole Commons, 8 p.m. Call 16608.

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Student Investing

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What can we learn from Fool.com?

By JESSIE RUCKMAN
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Let's face it; investment can be a scary proposition when one takes into consideration the current market climate. Putting a small percentage of your earnings into an invisible fund that are ultimately in the hands of someone you've never met takes a lot of faith.

While there are many upstanding brokers and financial planners who will watch your money grow, one must always be on the lookout for the unscrupulous ones. For every "scrupulous" broker and investor, there is likely to be someone who will steal your money and run to Rio.

The point of this didactic little rant is twofold: be aware of who you invest with, and check out mutual funds if you would like to step into investing with a safety net.

Mutual funds are typically run by a fund manager and are comprised of multiple types of investments such as stocks, securities and short-term money market

accounts. Basically your money is not being funneled directly into one account where your money either compounds greatly or disappears, leaving you broke. Mutual funds are basically a security blanket for the investor; these funds diversify your portfolio and reduce the chances of losing your \$\$ because of one poor investment.

"Check out mutual funds if you would like to step into investing with a safety net."

I, however, am not well versed in the world of mutual funds, so The Motley Fool at <http://Fool.com> has provided some key factors that should help aid in understanding mutual funds. For more information, check out that Web site as well as [Web site such as InvestmentTools.com](http://InvestmentTools.com) or <http://Investopedia.com>.

Advantages of Mutual Funds (All info from <http://Fool.com>)

- **Diversification.** Buying a mutual fund instantly gives you holdings in several companies.

- **Liquidity.** A mutual fund investment can be converted into cash upon your request, like an ATM.

- **Disadvantages of Mutual Funds**

- **The (Lack of) Wisdom of Professional Management.** The average mutual fund manager is no better at picking stocks than the average non-professional, but charges fees as though he or she is.

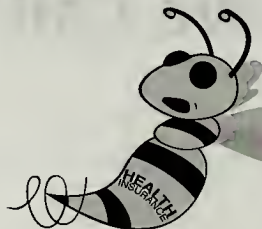
- **No Control.** Unlike picking your own stocks, a mutual fund puts you in the passenger seat of somebody else's car. It's like your mother making you eat Brussels sprouts, even though she knows you'd rather eat dirt...but they're good for you.

- **Dilution.** Mutual funds typically have such small holdings of so many different stocks that great performance by a fund's top holding still doesn't make much of a difference in a mutual fund's total performance. In English: If stocks in that company shoot up 200 percent, your fund still will likely see only small gains.

- **Buried Costs.** Many mutual funds bury their costs by hiring salesmen who do not make those costs clear to their clients.

Will GINA make you sick?

House passes Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act



By DOUG SCHMIDT
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In 1997, Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman starred in a film called *Gattaca*. *Gattaca* portrayed a near-future society obsessed with a new form of eugenics. Genetic information is used to create separate classes of people, a wealthy, genetically "superior" upper class, and a disadvantaged, genetically "inferior" lower class.

Apparently, members of the House are concerned that what was once science fiction may soon become reality.

The House has passed new legislation aimed at preventing health insurance companies, employers and others from "discriminating" based on genetic information.

Part of the larger Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007 (GINA) prohibits health insurance providers from using genetic information to deny health coverage or charge higher premiums to those judged to be predisposed to disease.

Similarly, GINA prevents employers from using genetic information as a basis to hire, fire, place or promote employees.

While preventing discrimination is certainly a noble goal, GINA may make health insurance dramatically more expensive, even for the healthy.

Insurance is essentially a means of pooling risk. Imagine a group of 1,000 people who each own a \$10,000 car. Each person has a one percent chance of his

or her car being stolen. In this case, it would make perfect sense to charge each person exactly the same premium. However, in the real world, not everyone faces the same risk. Safe people essentially subsidize risky people. This creates a problem called "adverse selection."

According to <http://www.economist.com>, "adverse selection" is when "people who know they have a higher risk of claiming than the average of the group

"GINA may make health insurance dramatically more expensive, even for the healthy."

will buy the insurance, whereas those who have a below-average risk may decide it is too expensive to be worth buying." That is, those who are the most likely to profit from insurance are the most likely to purchase it.

For example, imagine a company that sells bee insurance. Everyone is at some risk of being killed by bees, but some people have more risk than others. People who live in colder climates are less likely to be stung to death than those who live in warm areas.

They may not wish to purchase bee insurance, as they are unlikely to ever see a payout. Instead, they will probably just lose the money they pay in premiums. People who live in warm areas are more likely to be stung to death and, thus, to profit from their investment in insurance, or to at least break even.

Adverse selection means that the higher the risk, the more likely people are to purchase

insurance. As a result, the insurance company must make more payouts and charge higher premiums.

To avoid this situation, insurance companies can keep track of bee populations so that they can charge higher premiums to residents of high risk areas. This decreases the profit that can be made by risky customers, which increases the number of safe customers who buy insurance.

In the case of health insurance, GINA prevents health insurance companies from making use of genetic information to determine premium rates. This virtually guarantees that customers will have more information about their health than insurance companies will. Economists call this "asymmetric information." When information is asymmetric, the party with more information is at a financial advantage.

Consumers who know that they are likely to profit from health insurance will be more likely to buy it. The resulting adverse selection will cause health insurance premiums to increase for everyone, both for those genetically predisposed to disease and for healthier individuals. Insurance providers call this a "death spiral."

In order to charge consumers the lowest possible rates, insurance companies need access to more information, not less. One can only hope that the death spiral of the insurance industry is not also the death knell for Americans' access to health care.

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5 Trendy Tech Toys We Can Live Without

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PS3: Featuring a 60GB drive, an E02.11b/g wireless networking plus Memory Stick, SD Card and CompactFlash media slots, an ability to copy photos and MPEG-4 videos to the hard disk, Gigabit Ethernet, and builtin Bluetooth, the \$599 PlayStation 3 (PS3) is a loaded potato. Easy

to set up, you also have the option to download games through its online store. High resolution graphics are only compatible on high definition televisions with the PS3, which proves to be way too expensive for how much fun you could have with an alternative gaming system, the Nintendo Wii.

MP4 Watch II: If the calculator watch wasn't sweet enough for you, try the latest wrist band technology on the market launched by a company called Brando. The MP4 Watch II has a 1.8-inch LCD screen and unlike the iPod, an external speaker. Video and music playback, FM radio,

digital clock voice recorder, and an e-book reader make characters like Agent Cody Banks and those obnoxious children from Spy Kids jealous. Available as a 2GB or 4GB device, this sub par Rolex costs a nice \$92 or \$118, respectively.

Nokia 7260 Silver: Is your cellphone not good enough in plastic or other durable materials we probably don't know? Truth be told, there is a phone developed by Nokia, in silver - the element.

At 18 dollars an ounce, this precious phone has a Swarovski mounted on the joystick and the camera on the back case of the mobile. So expensive and useless a dollar amount is not even available. The cost: 700 euro.

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Top 10 things you don't remember doing on St. Patrick's Day

10. Buying a taco from a cart on the sidewalk and then spending six hours sick in the restroom. Or was that the other way around?
9. Accusing a Canadian exchange student of being a spy.
8. Visiting a sick friend in the hospital and offering to rent her your kidney.
7. Doing a set at a karaoke bar and, when the audience started booing, thinking the bar was haunted.
6. Losing fifty bucks in a penguin cockfight.
5. Starting your own home business: selling orphans through the mail.
4. Struggling to keep your car above 50 but below 88 to keep it from exploding or traveling through time.
3. Trying your hand at pole dancing and, ten minutes later, being kicked out of the firehouse.
2. Almost getting in a car accident with a cop and then laughing when he asked "Were you trying to rear end me?"
1. Finally, your friends held an intervention. At the end of the night, you asked "So, same time next year?"

weekly words of wisdom

"The great non sequitur committed by defenders of the State is to leap from the necessity of society to the necessity of the State." - Murray Rothbard

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

1	8		2	5	4			
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Answers to last week's Sudoku

0	6	6	7	1	2	5	3	4
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6	6	2	1	7	5	4	9	3
7	5	3	2	4	0	1	6	6
6	1	4	9	3	7	6	5	2
5	3	6	6	2	1	9	4	7
2	7	0	4	5	6	3	1	6

Horoscopes

By Douglas Schmidt



Aries Mar 21-Apr 19

After making some progress in your relationship, your girlfriend will finally invite you over to meet her parents. Bring a shovel.



Taurus Apr 20-May 20

This month, you will discover that your new girlfriend has the same last name as your last girlfriend. What are the odds of meeting two girls named "JRG"?



Gemini May 21-June 20

You will make millions selling Macho Cakes, muffins, for manly men. They will be available in a variety of flavors: cigarette butt, asbestos and blueberry.



Cancer June 21-July 22

Breaking up with someone is like pulling off a Band-Aid. It's less painful when you do it quickly. Also, you usually end up ripping out your hair.



Leo July 23-Aug 22

While walking downtown, you will be accosted by an eight-year-old homeless boy. Don't give him any money. He'll just spend it on Pabst S&W.



Virgo Aug 23-Sep 22

Don't judge people on first impressions. After all, you never really know someone until you walk a mile in their shoes or spend an hour in their pants.



Libra Sep 23-Oct 22

Next week, you'll discover that the imaginary friend you had as a child was actually a real person. Camping will never be fun again.



Scorpio Oct 23-Nov 21

Like most Scorpions, you have latent psychic powers. For example, your power is the ability to completely lose touch with reality.



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21

Finals will drive you insane, causing you to think that you're the Reverse Tooth Fairy. You will make very little money, even after you find a child willing to buy all your teeth.



Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 19

You will break new ground in body modification when you become the first person with enough eyebrow rings to support a curtain rod.



Aquarius Jan 20-Feb 18

After selling your soul to the devil, you will finally have an army of demons to do your bidding. What, you couldn't handle eBay by yourself?



Pisces Feb 19-Mar 20

Success is less important than friendship. As someone once said, "It's lonely at the top." (Of course, that's only if nobody's underneath you.)

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Stan's:

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Spring Break is often the time for crazy partying: booze, clubbing, fun, sun, surf and turf. But no experience quite matches one that can be found every Sunday afternoon in Goodland, Florida at Stan's.

Stan's is, the majority of the time, a restaurant and a bar-stationed right on the waterfront, with a dock for those wishing to arrive in less than conventional ways. It has a wide-open area right in front

of the bar littered with tables shaded by umbrellas and surrounded by chairs. There are many open-air porches with seating and shelter in the back, and to the left of the restaurant is another building—The Island Woman, a tourist shop containing the most interesting assortment of hats, shirts and handcrafted sunglasses.



overhang with a huge metal buzzard on top overlooking the gravel party ground.

On Sundays the

place is filled to the brim. The best way to describe Stan's on Sundays is by first equating it with a party—a block party, or some other neighborhood function where everyone comes out to sit back, enjoy the day and have a few drinks. On Sundays it is home to tourists and the residents of both Goodland and nearby Marco Island. The people fill the restaurant and bar and overflow to fill

the tables and chairs scattered between Stan's and The Island Woman. Some bring their own chairs to sit in, and on busy days it's even been known to be hard to find standing room. At noon, the reason for so many people is confusing, as there doesn't seem to be anything going on. Everyone is simply eating, drinking, laughing and cavorting about.

Soon the reason for such a crowd becomes clear. Stan takes to the stage, a portly tan man with a white goatee and strange fishing hat. He begins with a few offensive jokes that make even the staunchest of patrons grin, and then asks everyone to stand for the national anthem. Naturally, this version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" lasts six and a half minutes. He then introduces the band. They play two sets before Stan takes to stage again, an hour and a half later. He begins by announcing birthdays and may follow these up by a special shout out to any who exhibit particularly patriotic spirit. This is followed

by Stan's own comedic act. All around the stage people gather around

scathed. Contrary to finding this brazen display insulting, the crowd is enamored



to listen to him speak. More offensive jokes spew forth with the

and calls for more. Eventually Stan runs low on jokes and be-



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delight of an old man spreading mischief, and no small sect of people are left un-

gins singing instead, with the hand present backing him up. Surprisingly, he starts

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BAR SEEN



Columbia Street West: Sophisticated Indulgence

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Columbia Street West is a Fort Wayne bar located on the corner of Columbia and Harrison Street. This downtown bar has been a hallmark of the Fort Wayne scene for more than 50 years. Columbia Street is a three-story brick building that is nearly a century old. The ancient brick gives the bar a slightly urban look and a sophistication that is sometimes lacking in the architecture of newer establishments. The building may be old but the scene inside is anything but.

I went to Columbia Street on a Saturday night to see what it had to offer. I rolled up to the bar at about 10 p.m. Based on the size of the group of

smokers freezing on the outdoor patio I estimated that it was pretty crowded inside. I passed the shivering huddle and went through a swinging wooden door where I was greeted by a huge doorman in a small t-shirt. After paying the three dollar cover and getting my hand stamped with a smiley face, I made my way to the front bar.

The front bar at Columbia Street is dominated by a massive wooden bar that on a Saturday night is invariably packed with booze-hounds wrangling for a drink. If you come to Columbia Street on a Saturday night be prepared to work for your cocktail. Yelling over the throng I managed to order a drink as I observed a huge plate of shots being served to a group of college age partiers. The typical late-night

weekend crowd at Columbia Street is relatively young, casually dressed and at least one drink over the limit. The atmosphere is predictably loose, if you are looking to meet someone you don't have to look far for a friendly face.

Over the din I could hear the distinctive sound of live rock music so I made my way to the back bar to see what was up. The back bar is an expanse of open dance floor, raised sections of floors with tables, and of course, the back bar. This is where people go to dance, listen to the live music, and in general, get crazy. The back bar, like the front, is packed with bodies and the bar tenders mix and pour furiously to keep up with the demand.

Columbia Street West is an ideal place to blow off some

steam and to forget about those exams for awhile. It may not be ideal for a date, but if you are looking for a wild night out on

the town, Columbia Street's classic style, central location and multitudes of uninhibited patrons make it a sure winner.



Photo by ZACHARY HORNBACK

taking tips as he asks members of the audience where they hail from. Before too long the raucous song ends and another begins.

The end of Stan's show is a song: The Buzzard Lope. Here a witchy old woman named Mary sways along onstage calling women of all ages up to join her. The group, led by the large crone in front, begins the buzzard lope - a strange dance consisting of many sudden moves appearing to have more to do with the lyrics of the song, sung by Stan, than the music being played by the band. Hilarity ensues as the grand finale comes followed by a bow of all those involved in the spectacle. Tourists then shortly overrun the old hag, a local celebrity, as the band begins to play on through the lazy afternoon.

Sundays are spent best at Stan's. If you should ever find yourself in Marco Island, Florida on a Sunday afternoon, go to Stan's. It's the most fun to be had on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

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IPFW to hold nineteenth annual Health Fair

Event to feature free health screenings, tests, and tips to be more environmentally friendly

By KATY ANDERSON
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IPFW will be holding its nineteenth annual Health Fair on Wednesday Mar. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Walb Union. The theme for this year's fair is "Go Green."

Nearly 100 health professionals and community organizations will be present at the fair. The event will also feature various recycling centers and several area groups from the community that have been working to create a better environment through their various green initiatives.

Among the many activities the Health Fair offers, participants can enjoy free fitness and cooking demonstrations.

At this event, there are over 35 free or discounted screenings to the students and the community. Among the many free activities included in this event are screenings for academic health, acupuncture demonstrations, dental care education, art activities for stress relief, a "Go Green" home assessment, massage therapy, and sessions regarding skin care, makeup tips, and sun protection.

There will be more than 100 vendors for the Health Fair this year, and over 200 student and faculty volunteers helping run the events.

Along with the several screenings available to students and the community at no cost, there will also be free food and gift drawings featured at the Health Fair.

For more information regarding this event, visit www.ipfw.edu/health or call 481-6647 or 481-5748.



Left behind? Perspective from a lefty in a right-handed world

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Are you left-handed? If you are then you will understand this article very well. If not, this article will not affect you. Perhaps you may at least notice the injustice that is placed on left-handed people.

Some very famous people are left-handed, like Morgan Freeman, Dennis Quaid, Bruce Willis, Choobaka Wookie, Michelangelo Buonarroti, Leonardo Da Vinci, Drew Barrymore, Whoopi Goldberg, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton, Nicole Kidman, Oprah Winfrey, Aristotle, Prince William, King George II, King George IV, King George VI, Queen Mother, Bob Dole, Joan of Arc, Helen Keller, Kurt Cobain, Eminem, and Ringo Star, just

to name a few.

With such a great number of powerful people, one would assume the world catered to all people regardless of hand dominance, especially when ten to 15 percent of the population are leftys. Yet that is not the case. Everywhere left-handers find that there is no place for them unless they are willing to accept the right-hand ways.

You would think that this is not a problem unless you are left-handed. But when the classroom doors open and the students pile in, the leftys are stuck with desks that are not designed for them, but are designed perfectly for right-handers.

This may not be an issue to all the right-handers, and it may seem that there is no need to address it. However, there are many reasons to ad-

dress it because leftys pay the same tuition as rightys. Have we come to a place where the comfort of the minority is disregarded and passed off as ridiculous or not worth a single thought? How is it that simple things like one's ability to live comfortably, or better yet to learn comfortably, can be taken for granted?

Accommodating to leftys could result in an improvement in grades. How can a person study and concentrate when they are uncomfortable in their desk? There are a great number of studies that prove a person's comfort while they are studying affects their concentration abilities.

Even when a desk is requested, there is not one to give. What can one person do but "beg the question"... can we ever be equal in a world that is undoubtedly unequal?

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Liberian students teach Americans value of education

By LOUISA DANIELSON
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What was the first book you ever read? Board book, picture book or historic tome – you probably don't remember exactly which one it was. But you know that it was important because you learned to read.

Travel to Liberia. In this land, recently healing from civil warfare, children are learning to read and the Liberian Children's Ministry is helping.

The Ministry was begun by Joe Boway in 2004. Originally from Liberia, Boway came to the United States to attend college in 1990.

The Ministry has started ten church-affiliated schools that teach everything from kindergarten through sixth or ninth grade.

The youngest students begin attending school at age six or seven, but there is no upper age

limit on students.

"We do not have an age limit with the older ones – as long as you want to come and learn, we accept you," said Boway.

Only one school provides education through ninth grade; all nine other schools end with sixth grade.

During a school day, students will come at 8am and stay until 11am (for kindergartners) or 1 pm (for everyone else). Fifty-seven instructors teach everything from

math to grammar in single-building schools.

"We cover everything required for elementary schools in Liberia," Boway noted.

Students travel up to half an hour by foot to reach school every day. They come from farms, where their parents raise rice.

If they have a long walk, then we try to (create) a school in that location," Boway said.

Semesters last from early September to the first week of February and from the second week of February to the second week of July.

During the "summer break" kids stay at home with their parents and help out or travel to their grandparents' places.

When students graduate, they hold a program with a play by the drama team, a guest speaker, and the handing out of report

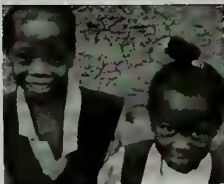
cards.

Following graduation, students wait for the next semester of school to begin, or, if they have finished school, they return to the farm to help their parents.

Only about ten percent of graduates continue on to higher education.

Two or three times per year, Boway travels back to Liberia to do teacher training, substitute teach, and distribute donated supplies like textbooks, clothing and reading books.

During teacher training sessions, Boway says "We learn different skills in teaching and organizing the program to effectively meet the needs of the children." Of the donations, Boway said that the greatest need is



able," Boway said.

He does not take history books, since African history is different from American history.

He also avoids taking markers and glue sticks, as anything liquid will dry out in the arid climate of Liberia.

Boway also travels throughout the United States to speak at schools and churches about his mission program. Since he started the Ministry, he has traveled thousands of miles per year in both inter and intra-continental travel.

His wife and two-and-a-half year old son accompany him on journeys throughout the U.S., but they do not travel to Africa because of all the shots their son would have to get.

"He's a pretty good traveler," Boway said of Joe Jr.

For more information about the Liberian Children's Ministry, contact New Life Lutheran Church at 420-3024 or Joe Boway at 447-7639 or boway@nolm.com.



What people weren't looking for on the first Easter.



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Mastodon scores for 03/05-03/17

Baseball
March 7 - 1-1 tie with Northridge
March 8 - 5-3 win over Northwestern
March 9 - 3-10 loss to Northwestern
March 9 - 3-8 loss to Packard
March 11 - 1-0 loss to E. Illinois
March 12 - 2-6 loss to Vermont
March 12 - 5-7 loss to Florida Gulf Coast
March 13 - 1-0 win over Miami (FL)
March 14 - 2-5 loss to Saint Louis

Men's Basketball
March 9 - 66-62 win over Southern Illinois
March 10 - 42-54 loss to Oral Roberts
Women's Basketball
March 9 - 67-62 loss to Oral Roberts

Men's Golf
March 10 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 11 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 12 (1) - 1st Place at Butler

Women's Golf
March 10 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 11 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 12 (1) - 1st Place at Butler

Women's Golf
March 10 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 11 (1) - 1st Place at Butler
March 12 (1) - 1st Place at Butler

Baseball
March 7 - 7-3 loss to Lehigh
March 7 - 2-7 loss to Holy Cross
March 8 - 1-2 loss to Sacred Heart
March 8 - 0-1 loss to Tennessee Martin
March 9 - 1-1 loss to Yale
March 9 - 2-11 loss to Butler
March 9 - 3-0 win over Yale
March 10 - 3-4 loss to Penn
March 11 - 6-5 loss to Georgetown
March 11 - 6-3 win over Robert Morris
March 12 - 2-5 win over Miami (FL)
March 12 - 7-3 win over Cleveland St.
(12 innings)
March 14 - 1-6 loss to Western Illinois
March 14 - 1-3 loss to Western Illinois
March 15 - Western Illinois 7-1

Men's Tennis
March 15 - 6-7 loss to Toledo
March 16 - 5-2 win over Youngstown State
Men's Volleyball
March 7 - 1-3 loss to Ball State
March 8 - Ohio State 7-0
March 14 - 1-3 loss to Long Beach State
March 15 - 3-2 win over Cal State
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With 4 games, the baseball team prepares for

THE DEFINING WEEK

Coach Billy Gernon and his team are coming off a tough Spring Break trip. The team struggled on their annual trip to Bradenton, Florida, going just 2-7. But, the next week provides them with four big games that can help them get back on track heading into conference season.

THE TEAMS**IPFW Mastodons**

- In going 2-11-1, IPFW has struggled. A 1-0 win over Miami (OH) is the highlight, while they fell 1-8 to E.Kentucky.

**Butler Bulldogs**

- They lost four games to Kentucky by a combined score of 61-7. Also have lost to Taylor and Indiana Tech thus far.

**Michigan Wolverines**

- Ranked as high as 18th this year, Michigan is 8-6-1, including a tie with the New York Mets in a Spring Training exhibition game.

**Indiana Hoosiers**

- IU has kicked off an even 7-7. They beat New Mexico St. 14-6 to finish third in the Pepsi Johnny Quik Tournament in Fresno, CA.

THE PLAYERS**Chris Gottschall**

- Batting .486, Gottschall had a great break. He now has three homeruns on the year. He also leads in RBI (12).

**Grant Fillipitch**

- While his hitting has been spotty, Fillipitch is a Bulldog leader in the field. His .955 fielding percentage is tops.

**Adam Abraham**

- The junior infielder is leading Michigan with a .379 average with 13 RBI, 22 hits, 2 doubles and 2 triples.

**Evan Crawford**

- A sophomore, he is batting .390 with 11 RBI. He was named to the Pepsi Johnny Quik All-Tournament Team.

THE GAMES**IPFW versus Butler - Today**

IPFW should get over the 5-run jump for the second time this year on their way to a win.

**IPFW versus Michigan - Friday**

An experience game for IPFW, they are going to struggle alot. It will be a test for the pitchers.

**IPFW versus Indiana (DH) - Sat/Sn**

This will be a crucial series for both teams. Expect IPFW to get a split, but be close to two wins.

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wins was one over Kent State and the Mastodons held an early lead over Wisconsin before foul trouble and cold shooting doomed the senior laden team.

The program must now say goodbye to Johnson, DeWitt Scott, Pat Lepper, Chris Perkins, Armen Ademi and Jaraun Burrows, an all-conference second team selection. A seventh senior, Zeljko Egeric left the team earlier in the season for unspecified reasons. The seven made up 57 percent of the team's minutes, scoring and rebounding. They also totalled half of the Mastodons' team steals and 64 percent of the team's assists. Filling that void could be tough for the Mastodons, who have to find solace in the fact that they were led in scoring by underclassmen in seven of their last eight games.

Those underclassmen, juniors David Carson and Jakari Johnson

and freshman Ben Botts, are all virtual locks for the starting lineup in a year. The team will return three other players, but only Zach Plackemeier had significant playing time of those three. Transfers Aaron Richie and Delivve Yearby will also be eligible to play as juniors.

Recruiting wise, IPFW has signed 6'11" Trey McCorkle of Bismarck, Illinois, who will help IPFW on the exterior, probably pretty early. Of the three players 6'7" or taller who return, just one is strictly a forward and not listed as a guard and forward. McCorkle will be the tallest player in IPFW's Division I history, matching Eric Bergstrom, who played very little as a freshman before transferring to a smaller school. McCorkle was All-State in Illinois as a junior

IPFW's only other commitment is John Peckinpaugh, a small

forward from Muncie Central, the school that produced Botts. Scout.com also lists Courtney Belger, a 6'2" point guard from University City, Missouri as a player considering IPFW. Fife is still looking to land a local recruit, while fellow league team UMKC recently locked up their second Fort Wayne player in Fred Ford from South Side High School.

Oakland has the conference's only 3-star recruit, on a 5-star scale, Drew Maynard.

Recruiting aside, Fife will need to spend the off months preparing some of his untested players and make sure that McCorkle or freshman Nick Luttrell are ready to contribute bigtime inside at the spot that Burrows leaves vacant. If he can do that next year, IPFW may just not only eclipse their D1 win record again, but be a serious contender in the Summit League.

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Progress continues for Fife and Co.

■ Burrows' All-Conference nod, opening round victory bring more enthusiasm, higher expectations for future of program

By DAN VANCE

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Last Sunday, Mastodon nation celebrated. After four years of courting a conference, a year of waiting in the Independents and a solid debut season, coach Dane Fife had taken the Mastodons to a post season victory with a 66-62 battle against Southern Utah. The next day, any ideas of a Cinderella slipper fitting the big foot of a 'Don came crashing down as Oral Roberts imposed their will late to win 58-42 in the Semi-Finals of the Summit League Tournament.

After towering over the Golden Eagles for the majority of the game, IPFW did not exactly fall apart at the seams, but was unable to stage off a late shooting rally. And with such, the third year of Division I, third of Dane Fife and first in the Summit League came to an abrupt ending.

"We had to play great basketball to beat Oral Roberts," Fife told the Tulsa World. "We did not play great. I don't think the wheels fell off. It was much closer than the score indicated."

Despite the disappointing loss to the NCAA Tournament qualifier, it was strong run and finish for the Mastodons. On the verge of a three seed in the conference tournament, the Mastodons dropped back to fifth after a three game losing streak to end the season. Two of those losses came in overtime contests.

Although they won in round one and came



2007-2008 Summit League

IPFW wrapped up their debut season in the Summit League with the fifth best record. Included in their conference wins were two over third-place Oakland.

Team	Summit Record
IUPUI	15-3
N. OAKOTA STATE	10-8
SOUTHERN UTAH	9-9

oh-so close to advancing to the Summit finals, winning just one of their last five games was a critical disappointment for a team that showed progress under the Fife administration for the third straight season. For their first year in the league, IPFW went 9-9 and beat everyone except the top two teams; ORU and IUPUI. Included in that run were a pair of conference opening wins and taking both games from the third ranked Oakland Grizzlies, balanced scoring



Photo by CORY YOUNG / Courtesy of the Tulsa World

DEFENSE: IPFW junior Jakari Johnson guards Oral Roberts' Kelvin Sango as he drives to the basket in last Monday's Summit Semi-Final contest.

helped IPFW all year, especially in-conference. Four Mastodons averaged double-digit scoring and a fifth, Demetrius Johnson, was just over eight points per game.

13 also marked a new Division I record total for the school, something that it has accomplished all three years under Fife. Included in the non-conference

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